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## VOTERS OF NEWPORT FAVOR BOND ISSUE

### VOTING WAS ALL ONE WAY

Only Eighteen Votes Cast Against Waterworks.

### BULLOCK MAKES A TALK

At a Meeting Previous to the Election He Stated That He Had Never Seen a Town With as Many Natural Advantages as Newport.

The voters of Newport authorized the Board of Aldermen to issue bonds in the sum of \$50,000, last Saturday for the construction of a system of waterworks and sewers. There was but little opposition to the issue, and only eighteen votes were polled against bonds.

The voting was light as the people of the community had become firm in the belief that there was no opposition to the issue and as a result only 143 votes were cast, but the majority was so overwhelming, the final vote showing 125 for and 18 against, that there was no question as to the sentiment of the people.

W. P. Bullock, engineer, of Kansas City, who has drawn the plans for the construction of the system was in Newport last Friday night and addressed a small crowd of voters at the courthouse. He was enthusiastic in his praise of Newport and stated that nowhere in the United States had he seen or heard of a town which possessed as many splendid natural resources. No where had he seen a town which could secure its water supply with such ease and expressed surprise that the town had grown to be as large as it has without the people taking advantage of what nature had offered her.

The Board of Aldermen will make arrangements immediately for the sale of the bonds and it is planned to begin on the work as soon as possible, in order that the system may be placed in use by Fall.

The pure mountain spring water from the Gray Springs will be tapped first and its 280,000 gallons of water will furnish a supply which will be all that could be needed by Newport for years. The water mains will be carried throughout the town, but the sewer in the beginning will be confined to the business section, where it is greatly needed. The \$50,000 bond issue will not permit the extension at this time of the sewer to the hills, but according to Engineer Bullock, it will be but a few years until the revenue of the system will enable the extension of the system without a further bond issue.

### VICTOR BERGER WANTS TO ABOLISH SENATE

Washington, May 4.—Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, the socialist member of congress, in a resolution introduced last week not only proposed, to abolish the senate, but aims to strike from the hand of the president the veto power and take from the courts authority to invalidate legislation enacted by the house of representatives. All this is proposed as an amendment to the constitution, which if petitioned for five per cent of the voters in each State, shall be submitted to a general referendum.

"The senate has run its course," said Mr. Berger after his threatening document had been dropped into the hopper on the speaker's desk. "It must some day, as with the British house of lords, yield to the popular demand for its reformation or abolition."

### DISCARDED SOCKS HOLDING \$1,500

Woman En Route to California Inadvertently Threw Hose Out Car Window.

Los Angeles, May 3.—While traveling to this city, Mrs. Frances Held, of Danbury, Conn., inadvertently threw a pair of stockings out of the window of a fast Santa Fe train a few miles west of Albuquerque.

Soon afterward she discovered that she had left a roll of \$1,500 in bills in the toe of one of the stockings, and she appealed to conductor Milo Thompson for help to recover it.

At the next station Thompson wired to Winslow, Ariz., and when Mrs. Held's train arrived there the company's representative handed her the cash.

### PROMINENT INSURANCE MAN WAS IN NEWPORT

Harry I. Davis, state supervisor of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York with offices at Nashville and Knoxville, one of the most widely known insurance officials in the United States, spent two days in Newport this week on official business. Mr. Davis has many friends in East Tennessee, and has always a hearty welcome in Cocke County.

### MOST COMPLETE BARN IN COUNTY

D. M. Miller the well known merchant of Bybee was in town, Monday. He has just completed what is said to be the most complete barn ever erected in his section of the county. Business is good in his section as is shown in the fact that the egg business alone is averaging something like \$100 per week at his store, all of which is taken out in trade. Mr. Miller is planning the erection of a new dwelling house, and when this is complete he will be well fixed to enjoy the comforts of life.

### GOODPASTURE UNDER ARREST

On the Charge of Offering a Bribe to Representative McDonald of Overton County.

Nashville, Tenn., May 1.—E. C. Goodpasture of Overton county, recently charged by Representative J. Q. McDonald of the same county, fusion filibuster, with offering to bribe him just prior to the convening of the Tennessee legislature, was arrested today on a warrant sworn out by Henry Beach Carre, president of the Tennessee Anti-Saloon league on the charge of bribery or offering to bribe. He was carried to the office of Esquire R. R. Caldwell and his bond fixed at \$5,000. Friends at once set out to secure bondsmen for him.

Goodpasture is a well known citizen of Overton county. McDonald charged a few days ago that Goodpasture offered him \$1,500 to vote with regular democrats or organization and for the repeal of election and liquor laws. Both Goodpasture and McDonald are republicans.

Goodpasture was arrested in the cigar stand of the Climax saloon, and at once carried before Judge Caldwell. The officers wanted to commit him to jail at once but Judge Caldwell said he knew how to run his court and would give the accused time to make bond. The bond was made at one o'clock, which Hyronemus, a retired capitalist; Jacob Greger, a clothier and Hon. Robert Poston, the latter of Overton county, going on the bond.

## WATERWORKS COMMISSION

Board of Aldermen Consider Advisability Naming One.

### WILL DISCUSS QUESTION

Citizens Interested in the Success of the System Claim that Better Results Can be Secured by Waterworks Commission.

A commission to have charge of the waterwork system, its construction etc., has been suggested, and an effort will most likely be made to have the Board of Aldermen name a commission of three to have charge of the work.

This question has been discussed by the Board of Aldermen, several of whom would be only too glad to be relieved of the responsibilities of the position.

It is known that Engineer Bullock would prefer to have the Board of Aldermen look after the work which would fall into the hands of a commission, as he says that his results have been better under such circumstances.

The waterworks commission should be just as important to the city as the pike commission is to the county. The county court could have looked after the building of the pike just as easily as can the aldermen after the building of the waterworks system.

Those advocating a commission do not claim that any such salaries should be paid the water commission as is paid the pike commission, and these last named are little enough for the work the pike commission is compelled to perform, but do claim there should be some small compensation, which would put the commission in the position of giving some of their time without too much of a loss.

If a small remuneration is voted, those advocating the commission say that it will be possible to find substantial citizens who will look after the work.

It is further considered that while small compensation is due the commission, that one member of the three should be paid a sufficient amount to have him in direct charge of the work at all times.

Such men as Y. J. McMahon, J. W. Fisher, E. S. Early, J. R. Stokely, L. S. Allen and others have already been mentioned by the Aldermen. It is possible at the next meeting of the board that this question will be given further consideration.

Herbert Ragan of Johnson City, spent Sunday here with relatives.

P. M. and R. D. Valentine and Alfred Jims have returned from a three days visit to Nashville.

## FORMER NEWPORT MAN KILLS WIFE THEN SUICIDES

R. W. McKinney, who left Newport about a year ago, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide at Athens, Ga., Monday night. The tragedy was witnessed by the couple's little wide-eyed baby girl. The murder and suicide took place within earshot of a revival service which was in progress but a short distance away.

It was believed at first that McKinney and his wife had been murdered by a third person, but a careful examination of the grounds and the room in which the bodies were found convinced the police that the man had

## SUFFERS BIG FIRE LOSS

One-third of Bangor, Maine, a Mass of Debris.

### THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

Second Largest Fire in the State's History Burns for Hours Sunday and a Property Loss of \$6,000,000 Results.

Bangor, Maine, April 30.—One-third of the city of Bangor is in ruins, thousands of persons are homeless and a property loss estimated at \$6,000,000 was sustained as a result of a conflagration which raged for hours tonight. Starting in a hay shed on Broad street, the fire swept along Broad and Exchange streets through the heart of the city, leaving residences, churches, schools, business blocks and all the public buildings with the exception of the city hall, a mass of smoking ashes.

For many hours the firemen of Bangor, assisted by men and apparatus from other Maine cities battled with the blaze before they conquered it. Buildings were blown up, but the flames easily leaped the chasms thus made and it was not until the wind, which had been blowing almost a gale during the night, shifted and a light rainfall, that there was any indication the firemen would win. Cheered by the help from this unexpected quarter the fire-fighting force was concentrated near the corner of Hammond and Central street, nearly two miles from the start of the blaze, and there the spread of the flames was checked at midnight.

The fire is considered by insurance people the worst that Maine has known since the Portland fire in 1896 when a large part of the business section of that city was destroyed with a loss of \$10,000,000.

Bangor has population of nearly 25,000 by the 1910 census and the latest figures show a real estate valuation of \$16,898,967.

Special trains from Portland, Augusta and Lewiston brought fire apparatus and firemen during the evening greatly to the relief of the Bangor firemen and volunteers.

At eleven o'clock the fire had swept westward nearly to Hammond street on Franklin. The fire fighting forces concentrated at this point and aided by a modern fire wall at the rear of the Bass block, halted the march of the flames. All the territory to the north and East of that point is a mass of blazing ruins. At least a quarter of the city has been laid waste.

Judge H. N. Cate, is at Knoxville this week where the session of the Court of Civil Appeals is being held.

## HIGH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE

May 12 Has Been Set for the Closing Date.

### SERMON ON NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. W. S. Hendricks Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon at the M. E. Church, South, Other Churches Participating.

The Newport High School will close next Friday. The school is brought to a close somewhat earlier this year because of the small pox scare, and to avoid danger of contagion. County court meets, too, on the following week and it has been thought best to bring the school to a close at this time.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered next Sunday at the M. E. Church, South and Rev. W. S. Hendricks will preach the sermon. There will be no preaching at several of the churches in the morning in order that the different congregations can participate.

The attendance at the schools has decreased because of the small-pox, but as many of the students are anxious to finish their courses the school will continue until Friday, and by that time all classes will be finished.

Prof. E. H. Moore, principal of the school is out with the following card:

A Word to the Patrons:

The Newport High School will close May 12th, 1911.

Pupils who expect to be privileged must attend school and take the examinations. Parents, see that your children are in school and co-operate with the teachers for the advancement and progress of your children. We thank you for the encouragement you have given us in the past and trust that we shall have your hearty support to the end.

Yours for Education,  
E. H. MOORE.

## ROBBERS HOLD UP STORE GET \$25,000

Chicago Jewelry Shop Looted, Customers and Clerks Tied by Bold Quartet.

Chicago, May 3.—Four armed robbers held up the jewelry store of Edward Alberti, on Milwaukee avenue, in the northwest side of business section, forced Alberti and his clerks into a back room and robbed the store of diamonds and watches valued at \$25,000. The men remained in the store for a quarter of an hour, and then entered a big automobile and drove away just as a patrol wagon full of policemen, summoned by a passerby drove up to the store.

Visitors, including customers and Norman Strauss, who entered the store while the robbers were at work was ordered into the back room at the point of a pistol, robbed and tied up with Alberti and the clerks. Strauss' sample case added \$12,000 to the loot. In all nine persons were tied in the room when the police arrived.

## HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM SERIOUS INJURY

Hugh Huff Burnett the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Burnett of Del Rio had a very narrow escape from serious injury if not death, Monday afternoon, when he was run over by a heavy wagon. At the time of the accident the boy was driving a young mule and a horse, and the animals anxious to get home, and in running over a rock, jolted young Burnett from the wagon, throwing him against a fence, and he rebounded beneath the wagon, the rear wheel passing over his stomach and leg, inflicting painful but not serious injuries.

## WILL BOOM RAILROAD

Citizens From Many States to Gather at Knoxville.

### NEWPORT PEOPLE INVITED

Meeting Will Be Held at Knoxville Tomorrow to Create Interest in the Proposed Knoxville to Greeneville Road.

North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina will be represented in a big railroad meeting which will be held at Knoxville Friday. The meeting has been called by the Knoxville Board of Trade for the purpose of increasing interest in the Knoxville to Greeneville railroad which is to be built in the next few months if the plans under way materialize.

Newport people are interested and it is stated that a strong effort will be made to have the proposed railroad come through Newport. Local people say that it would be a shame to permit the railroad to come within seven miles of Newport and not to give this town the direct benefits from the same. As planned at this time the Knoxville and Greeneville railroad will tap the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad somewhere about Wilton Springs. This would give Newport a connection with the road and would mean competitive freight rates but it would not give the town double service. As proposed the new road would put Newport in closer touch with Knoxville and the more trains per day, the better the service, and an effort is being made to get a large crowd of Newport people to attend the meeting and set forth to those interested in the project, reasons why the new road cannot afford to miss direct connections at Newport, which would be the largest town between Knoxville and Canton, a distance of over 100 miles. Just who will represent Newport at the meeting is not known, but several have signified their intention of attending.

To create interest the Knoxville Board of Trade is trying to get the press of this section interested in the meeting and this paper has received the following letter in reference to same:

April 28, 1911.

Editor Newport Plain Talk,  
Newport, Tenn.

Dear Sir:  
"The Board of Trade, Commercial Bodies and the Appalachian Exposition will be pleased to have you in Knoxville, as their guest on Friday, May 5th, which occasion, will be "Railroad Day," when delegations from Greeneville and towns between Greeneville and Knoxville, in Tennessee, North and South Carolina, will have representatives at Knoxville, in the interest of a direct line from the coal mines to the manufacturing industries of the Piedmont District.

"Our programme will be a trip to, and a barbecue at Sevierville, and entertainment and speaking in the evening in Knoxville.

"We will be glad to have a representative from your valuable paper, with us. Kindly let me know at your earliest convenience, whether you will be able to be with us or not, so that we can make arrangements accordingly.

Yours very truly,

S. H. COHEN,

Secretary.

D. C. CHAPMAN,

Chairman.

## JOE FOWLER DEAD

Joe Fowler, a well known Bybee man, died Friday after an illness of about a month, catarrh being given as the cause of his death. He was about 21 years of age and is survived by his wife to whom he was married about a year ago.